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Freedom House 8th Annual Gala

MONARCH BUTTERFLIES TAKE FLIGHT

Inspirational Stories to be Featured at Annual Gala on April 29th

Resilient Butterflies

"Resilient Butterflies" is this year's theme, highlighting the many local survivors of human trafficking who have benefited from the Monarch's residential shelter and long-term aftercare program. Most of the adult survivors at The Monarch have been sexually abused or commercially exploited during their adolescent years -- even as young as age 9.

Jaida Im, Freedom House founder and executive director, will discuss many of their challenges and how the holistic approach to wraparound services at The Monarch enables women 18 years and older to become independent and self-sufficient. A survivor-graduate of the Monarch program also will be at the Gala.

The Freedom House 8th Annual Gala & Charity Auction is being held on Saturday, April 29, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City. Gala tickets are on sale until Wednesday, April 26, at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are $150 per person and $1,500 for a table of ten. Student tickets are $75. To purchase your tickets: www.FreedomHouseSF.org/Events

JUSTIN DILLON TO SHARE HIS PLAN

What if your search for meaning could solve the world's problems? What if everything you are passionate about could save a life or change history? Justin Dillon, the Gala keynote speaker, will discuss the secret to a life of deep and lasting significance: the discovery that our need for meaning is inextricably linked to the needs of the world. During the Gala's social hour and at the conclusion of the event, guests will have the opportunity to meet Justin and purchase a copy of his new book: *A Selfish Plan to Change the World: Finding Big Purpose in Big Problems.*

In addition to the visionary remarks by Justin Dillon, the Gala will feature its annual awards. **Polaris**, a leading organization in the global fight against human trafficking and modern slavery, will receive the Freedom House 2017 Stewardship Award, and **Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) San Francisco** will be given the 2017 Guardian Award for its work with human-trafficking survivors.

AUCTIONS TO SUPPORT LOCAL SURVIVORS

There is something for every interest being offered on Saturday during the Gala's Silent and Live Auctions: adventure, art, ballet, classical music, event tickets, excursions, food, golf, museums, photography, sports memorabilia, travel, wine tasting, and more!

The important funds raised during the Gala will help women who have survived commercial sexual exploitation, domestic servitude and unpaid labor. The Monarch is one of the few shelters in the entire country exclusively devoted to helping human-trafficking survivors, serving both U.S.-born and those from other countries who are trafficked into the San Francisco Bay Area. Please come make a difference in the lives of local survivors. And, you may be inspired and have some fun, too! For tickets: www.FreedomHouseSF.org/Events

About Freedom House:
Located in the San Francisco Bay Area, Freedom House is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (Tax ID #27-0248325), with a mission to bring hope, restoration and a new life to survivors of human trafficking by providing housing and direct services. In August 2010, Freedom House launched The Monarch, the first safe home and long-term aftercare program of its kind in Northern California for adult female survivors of human trafficking. Through its pioneering aftercare model, Freedom House is breaking the cycle of exploitation and creating new futures for human-trafficking survivors. For information about Freedom House, visit www.FreedomHouseSF.org.

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